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CONGRESS will assemble to-day. It is

doubtful whether the Congressional tur-

key is sufficiently digested to permit

much business to be done just yet.

It is the one fear of the Democrats and

the one hope of the Independents that

when Cleveland said he was a Democrat

he meant he was partially a Democrat.

H. W. BEECHER's recent lecture was

greeted by a small audience. The people

begin to expect that when he opens his

mouth something vile will come out of it.

It is alleged that Kate Smulley, of

Fort Plain, N. Y., has fasted 260 days.

She must begin to have a little spark of

feeling for the Democrats who have had

to fast for nearly twenty-four years.

If the Republican party hadn't been

beaten we never should have had the

amusement of seeing Tom Hendricks

dancing jigs and executing the fandango.

There's considerable compensation in this.

THE Toronto Globe says that a man

was lately fined \$10 for beating his wife.

A few days after another man was fined

\$50 for vagrancy. From this it may be

inferred that it is better for a man to beat

his wife than to do nothing.

It is quietly whispered among the faith-

ful that one of the "three Colonels" is to

have a "consulate in a warm climate" if

he will only go. And now the people are

wondering which one it is whose services

are the more valuable the farther away he

must go to perform them.

ONE of the early sequences of the re-

cent election is the receipt for review by

the press of a small book entitled "The

Modern Bar-tender's Guide." The work

is evidently meant for Prohibitionists who

assisted so largely in creating a demand

for it, while confessing themselves igno-

rant of the matters of which it treats.

To ONE who has any feeling of sym-

pathy for the lower orders of creation the

writings of the Democratic office-seek-

ers under the fearful apprehension that

Cleveland will respect the civil service

rules, is something very painful. Mr.

Bergh should serve an injunction on

Cleveland.

THAT distinguished linguist who now

represents the United States at Berlin,

Mr. John A. Kasson, apparently thinks

he discerns something in the distance.

In celebrating Thanksgiving at a banquet

he proposed three cheers for Grover

Cleveland, the next President of the

United States.

At the Republican primaries held in

New Haven the other night several In-

dependents had the brazen audacity to

present themselves and insist on a right

to vote. They were, of course, promptly

"fired out" of the meeting. An In-

dependent, it is becoming more and more

apparent, is a brazen-faced bundle of

conceit, who wants to run two parties

at once. They went out of the Republican

party to purify it, so now let them stay

out that it may remain pure.

THE free-thinking Governor of Ohio

omitted the mention of the Deity in his

proclamation inviting his people to celebrate

last Thursday as a holiday. He evidently

believes in the social but not the religious

celebration, in thanks-eating rather than

thanks-giving. Sancho Panza said, "A

good liver is the best preacher, and that

is all the theology I know." This seems

to be the sum of Gov. Hoadly's religion.

He looks no higher than the turkey he

carves.

THE New York Tribune has been ac-

cused of misrepresenting the returns in

New York State. The final canvass

shows, however, that that journal was

much more nearly correct in its estimates

than the Times, the Herald or the World.

On the day following election these pa-

pers gave Cleveland a plurality in excess

of the 1,047 which the final canvass gave

him of from 6,239 to 8,950, while the

Tribune was only 1,864 out of the way.

Had it been possible to prove the frauds

which there was abundant reason to be-

lieve were perpetrated, Blaine would

without doubt have been elected.

THE SENATORSHIP.

And now the news comes from Wash-

ington that Senator Conger explicitly de-

clines that he intends to resign. If the

language of the Senator is correctly re-

ported by his interviewers it reflects

credit upon Michigan's senior Senator.

At the close of his present term in the

for Conger, to step down into the courts

of the District of Columbia. One notable

instance of resignation for a similar pur-

pose, in the case of Senator Christiancy,

has been enough to satisfy the people of

Michigan for ever. To precipitate a

Senatorial contest in the State of Michi-

gan at this unfortunate period would be

most injurious to the party which has

done so much for Senator Conger, and

which has a right to expect so much of

him. But recently the party in this State

has seriously suffered in a Senatorial

contest where a few men were enabled to

take advantage of the small Republican

majority in the legislature to dictate who

should not be Senator. Happily they

were not able to say who should be, but

with the bare majority in the present

legislature, and the presence there of one

of the chiefest of these malcontents, to-

gether with his well-known disposition to

have his own way at whatever cost, it

would have been a serious calamity to

Republicanism in this State if Senator

Conger had resigned to accept an office

merely because it would have assured

him bread and butter for life. To have

been a Senator of the greatest station of

modern times is to have had one of the

greatest honors the world could bestow,

and no one should be elevated to such a

post who is not able upon occasion to be

a Roman of the Romans. Better that

Senator Conger should retire upon a crust

of bread with water to an honored and

dignified seclusion for the remainder of

his life, than to injure the party, bring an

honored name into question, and lower an

elevated position by being the first to

scramble after a mere life salary. The

Senator has evinced his sense of the

dignity of his position, and Michigan Re-

publicans owe him increased respect for

his manly and honorable course.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Philadelphia Times: It is the first

real, solid Thanksgiving this generation

of Democrats ever saw.

Syracuse Standard: Election frauds

in Albany and Chicago hint that the

South is already in the stirrup.

Cleveland Leader: The Conkling Sen-

atorial boom has been pretty effectually

burst. It becomes more evident every

day that he could not command more

than three or four votes outside the Dem-

ocratic members of the New York As-

sembly, who are twenty-six short of a

majority.

Philadelphia Press: Mr. Blaine may

not be a candidate again, and probably

never will be. It was not by his own

wish or effort that he became a candidate

this time. But anybody who imagines

that he and his friends can be counted

on as a great political factor of the fu-

ture will make a mighty big blunder.

Detroit Post: According to the Grand

Rapids Leader, "Democrats all over the

South agree in declaring that the color

line is now wiped out." Possibly; but a

good many colored folks were "wiped

out" first. Before accepting the Leader's

statement, the Post would like to hear

the opinion of the colored survivors.

Philadelphia Times: The kindly war

against the slaughter of birds for the

purpose of decorating ladies' hats and

bonnets has no reference whatever to the

wholesale killing and plucking of the

turkey for the religious purposes of this

national holiday. It used to be the eagle,

then for a few days after election it was

the rooster, to-day the turkey is the

feathered king.

A FRONTIER ROMANCE.

The History Which a Recent Elopement

in Nebraska Emphasizes.

[Omaha Paper.]

The elopement of Mrs. Laura Soper, of

Beatrice, Neb., with James Vance, a but-

cher, brings to mind an interesting bit of

frontier history. Mrs. Soper's maiden

name was Laura Soper, she being the

daughter of the Hon. Joseph B. Soper, of

Gage County. In 1862 Laura was a beau-

tiful girl of eighteen, and was engaged to

a young train boss named Kelly. At that

time there were no settlements west of the

Big Sandy, in Thayer County, except at

the military posts and ranches along Uncle

Sam's highway. These ranches usually

consisted of a rude log house surrounded

by a stockade, and were from forty to fifty

miles apart. Kelly started an establish-

ment of this kind at Oak Grove, situated

on the Little Blue, in what is now Nuckolls

County. On the day of the fearful Indian

massacre, in August, 1864, Laura was going

from Spring Ranch to Oak Grove by stage.

The Indians on that day made a general

attack on the whites all along the traveled

road, from Julesburg clear east to the Big

Sandy, nearly two hundred miles, bands

of savages springing on the little

settlements simultaneously. The stage

in which Laura was riding was

riddled with bullets, and the driver and

other passengers killed, the girl being

carried off a prisoner. She was taken to Oak

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Kent.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County

of Kent, held at the probate office in the city of

Grand Rapids, on Friday, the twenty-first day

of November, in the year one thousand eight

hundred and eighty-four.

Present, CYRUS E. PERKINS,

Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John McDonough,

late of the city of Grand Rapids, deceased.

On reading and filing the final account, duly ver-

ified, of Ellen A. McDonough, administratrix of

said estate:

Thereupon it is ORDERED, That Monday, the

22d day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the fore-

noon, be assigned for the hearing, examination

and allowance of said account, and that the heirs

at law of said deceased, and all other persons in-

terested in said estate, are requested to appear at

a session of said court, then to be held at the

Probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said

county, and show cause, if any there be, why the

said account should not be allowed.

And it is further ordered that said administratrix

give notice to the persons interested in said es-

tate, of the pending of said account and the hear-

ing and examination thereof by causing a copy of

this order to be published in the Grand Rapids

MORNING TELEGRAM, a newspaper printed and

circulating in said county of Kent, three succes-

sive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

(A true copy.) CYRUS E. PERKINS,

Judge of Probate.

ADOLPH B. MASON, Register.

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Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Kent—ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County

of Kent, held at the Probate office in the City

of Grand Rapids, on Friday, the seventh day

of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred

and eighty-four.

Present, CYRUS E. PERKINS,

Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Eliza J. Walling,

late of the Township of Wyoming, in said County,

deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified,

of James H. Walling, administrator of said estate

praying the court for license, authority to sell

certain real estate therein described for the pur-

pose of making a distribution of said estate.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the eighth

day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the fore-

noon, be assigned for the hearing of said peti-

tion, and that the heirs at law of said deceased,

and all other persons interested in said estate,